IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 6 and 16, as follows:

1. (Original) A charging member for being contactably disposed to an image bearing member and being supplied with a bias voltage, comprising:

a resistance layer having an ionic electrical conductivity,

wherein said resistance layer comprises a foamed elastic member and satisfies the following relationships:

$B \leq (5/3) \times A - 0.3$, and

$B \geq 0.6$,

wherein A represents a surface bubble-containing density measured, in a state that air bubbles are attached to the surface of said resistance layer, by immersion method according to JIS Z 8807; and B represents a surface bubble-deaerated density measured, in a state that said air bubbles are removed from the surface of said resistance layer, by immersion method according to JIS Z 8807.

2. (Original) A member according to Claim 1, wherein said resistance layer has a volume resistivity of not less than 1×10^6 ohm.cm and not more than 1×10^{10} ohm.cm, measured in an environment of a temperature of 23°C and a relative humidity of 50 %.

3. (Original) A member according to Claim 1, wherein said resistance layer has a volume resistivity of not less than 1×10^7 ohm.cm and not more than 1×10^9 ohm.cm, measured in an environment of a temperature of 23°C and a relative humidity of 50 %.

4. (Original) A member according to Claim 1, wherein said resistance layer satisfies the following relationship:

$0.6 \leq B \leq 0.75$.

5. (Original) A member according to Claim 1, wherein said resistance layer satisfies the following relationship:

$A + 0.02 \leq B \leq (5/3) \times A - 0.3$.

6. (Currently Amended) A member according to Claim 1, wherein said charging member abuts against the image bearing member at an abutting pressure of not less than 2.5×10^3 Pa and ~~an~~ not more than 3.0×10^5 Pa.

7. (Original) A member according to Claim 1, wherein said charging member abuts against the image bearing member at an abutting pressure of not less than 7.5×10^3 Pa and not more than 2.0×10^5 Pa.

8. (Original) A member according to Claim 1, wherein said charging member further comprises a core metal on which said resistance layer is disposed, said resistance layer having a thickness of not less than 4.5 mm.

9. (Original) A member according to Claim 1, wherein said charging member further comprises a core metal on which said resistance layer is disposed, said resistance layer having a thickness of not less than 6.0 mm.

10. (Original) A member according to Claim 1, wherein said resistance layer comprises a foamed elastic member having a closed cell.

11. (Original) An image forming apparatus, comprising:

image forming means for forming an image on an image bearing member, and

a transfer member for being contactably disposed to the image bearing member and transferring the image formed on the image bearing member by applying a bias voltage to said transfer member;

wherein said transfer member comprises a resistance layer having an ionic electrical conductivity, said resistance layer comprising a foamed elastic member and satisfying the following relationships:

$B \leq (5/3) \times A - 0.3$, and

$B \geq 0.6$,

wherein A represents a surface bubble-containing density measured, in a state that air bubbles are attached to the surface of said resistance layer, by immersion method according to JIS Z 8807; and B represents a surface bubble-deaerated density measured, in a state that said air bubbles are removed from the surface of said resistance layer, by immersion method according to JIS Z 8807.

12. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein said resistance layer has a volume resistivity of not less than $1x10^6$ ohm.cm and not more than $1.0x10^{10}$ ohm.cm, measured in an environment of a temperature of 23°C and a relative humidity of 50 %.

13. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein said resistance layer has a volume resistivity of not less than $1x10^7$ ohm.cm and not more than $1.0x10^9$ ohm.cm, measured in an environment of a temperature of 23°C and a relative humidity of 50 %.

14. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein said resistance layer satisfies the following relationship:

$0.6 \leq B \leq 0.75$.

15. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein said resistance layer satisfies the following relationship:

$A + 0.02 \leq B \leq (5/3) \times A - 0.3$.

16. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein said transfer member abuts against the image bearing member at an abutting pressure of not less than $2.5x10^3$ Pa and ~~an~~ not more than $3.0x10^5$ Pa.

17. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein said transfer member abuts against the image bearing member at an abutting pressure of not less than $7.5x10^3$ Pa and not more than $2.0x10^5$ Pa.

18. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein said transfer member further comprises a core metal on which said resistance layer is disposed, said resistance layer having a thickness of not less than 4.5 mm.

19. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein said transfer member further comprises a core metal on which said resistance layer is disposed, said resistance layer having a thickness of not less than 6.0 mm.

20. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein said resistance layer comprises a foamed elastic member having a closed cell.